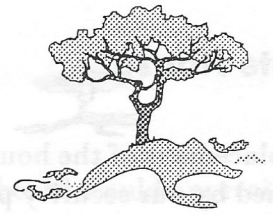




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Annual Meeting on August 9, 2003



With this issue of the newsletter, we in Surf Pines are half way through 2003 and the annual membership meeting is all but upon us. Please note the date, time, and place, if you haven't already entered the event on your calendar: **Saturday, August 9, 9:00 a.m.**, Astoria Golf and Country Club. The time of the meeting has been advanced an hour in order to allow business to be concluded before the club becomes too noisy.

This year there is an important decision to consider: provision of a new house for our security personnel. Members will receive a detailed proposal for the new structure and its financing along with the minutes of last year's meeting, the financial report and budget proposal for the coming year, a list of candidates for the board and voting procedures, and some proposed additions to the bylaws. The board hopes for exceptionally strong attendance.

Board Candidates



Terms of two board members, Marge Bloomfield and Ralph Todd, end this year. The nominating committee has found four willing candidates to run for their places: Al Beck (Silverspot Lane), Patrick Kelley (Manion at Pine Ridge), Tom Wilcox (Sea Breeze), and Inarose Zuelke (Silverspot).

Their personal information will be included in the annual meeting package, along with voting information and proxies for those who cannot attend the meeting.

Gate House



Replacement of the house occupied by our security personnel is a top priority at this time. As you will see from the proposal, it is impossible to repair and expand the existing structure, which was originally a small office.

It has deteriorated over time, despite maintenance efforts, and it is unreasonable to ask employees to live in such quarters. The proposal that you will receive has been very carefully researched and thought out and is, the board believes, a viable and economical solution to an urgent problem.

Please give the new gate house project serious attention, ask any questions that you have about it, and attend the annual meeting if at all possible, so that you can join other members in an informed decision.

Gate Operation



Now that the new entry numbers have been in operation for a month or so, the gates seem to be functioning smoothly. But it appears that occasionally visitors have a problem using the phone system at the gates to contact residents if the visitors have no visitor code or arrive outside visitor hours (6 a.m. to 9 p.m.). They may scroll

through the directory but fail to find their party listed. If you are not sure that your name is on the list and would like it to be, let Lynn Meyrick know that you would like to be accessible through the gate phone system.

Your actual phone number is not put into the directory; a special number rings your

phone, allowing a brief conversation to identify the caller. To open the gate and receive the visitor, press 9 on your phone; but, before you do, be sure to know the caller. If you don't know the caller, simply hang up. People have been known to press numbers at random to gain entry.

Road Improvements



Members who have driven Surf Pines' roads recently will have noticed that the announced improvements have been for the most part completed. The board hopes that you enjoy a smoother ride and find it easier to stay within the speed limit.

Speaking of the speed limit, a recent check by radar of vehicles on our roads revealed both good and bad news. The good news is that two-thirds of us are driving less than 30 miles per hour. The bad news is that one-third of us are driving more than 5 miles per hour over the posted 25 mph limit. Are you on the good side or the bad side of this report?

Our roads are only 18 feet wide and without sidewalks many of us who enjoy walking, running, or biking must use the pavement. We should not forget the children and animals, both domestic and wild, especially the new fawns, that also use the roads and may come into view suddenly. Share the roads safely with all of these non-motorized users by checking your speed often and SLOW DOWN if needed.

Rental Rules in Surf Pines

A number of our property owners are part-time residents and sometimes they rent their homes to others when they are not using them. County rules stipulate that this area is not a "short-term rental" zone; that is, homes may not be let to different tenants for less than a week at a time.

Usually owners take sufficient interest in their homes to assure that they are rented by responsible people. But on occasion there have been efforts to capitalize on the desirability of Surf Pines by offering weekend or "party" rentals. This practice is a violation of county rules.

The association tries to keep track of which homes are not owner occupied. One reason for doing so is to make sure that all residents have the information they need about Surf Pines and its rules. Another is to be able to help with problems that may occur. The

board would appreciate knowing who is renting your home and for how long so that we may contact them if necessary. Please let Lynn Meyrick (738-0637) or Bill Barrons (338-8175) have contact information if you rent your property.



Community Events

Heartened by the turnout of more than 30 guests at the "Spring Fling" in April, the community relations committee is planning a number of other social events.

The first is to follow hard on the heels of this newsletter, on July 5 at 4:00 p.m. It is a picnic/barbecue at the park (corner of Horizon and Ocean). (This event replaces the party that has traditionally followed the August annual meeting.) Look for details in the gate house window.

This picnic will formally inaugurate the new swing set and celebrate completion of the barbecue pit. When better than the Fourth of July weekend to put the new facilities in the park to the test?

The park committee has made some trial runs of the new equipment and is sure that park users will be pleased. Come along to the picnic and have your own fun.

The park committee thanks everyone who has contributed time, effort, funds, encouragement, and enthusiasm to realize the park plans. The crew that installed the new swing set (below left to right) in the park included Ken Weber, Al Beck, Mary Blake, Tom Wilcox, Loren Wohlge-muth, Gene Bourquein, Katie Weber, and Bourquein grandchildren Lily and Justice.



Garage Sales, Estate Sales, Open Houses



Are you planning a garage sale? Or selling your home and you plan to show it with your realtor at an open house? Is an estate sale in the offing? We want to open the gates for such events but do not want them open more often or longer than necessary. So the board has decided to open the gates if you schedule any of these activities for the last Saturday of

the month and/or the following Sunday. You can call Lynn Meyrick a week in advance, tell him the hours of the sale or open house, and he will have the gates open so that persons coming to your home can have easy access. (This information appears on page 3 of the Owners' Information Guide.)

If you plan a large party, you can give your guests the monthly code or arrange to have a special code for them for the duration of the event. Just let Lynn Meyrick (738-0637) know well in advance.

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Note from Your Editor (Marge Bloomfield):

Since the inception of the Breeze, the same editor has guided and, for the most part, written it, in collaboration, of course, with many other members. It's been fun. But now it's time for new voices. Patrick Kelley and Roger Masse, computer savvy as I am not, have kindly agreed to take over preparation of the newsletter. I'm sure that it could not be in better hands, and I look forward to following its development.

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